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FROM : Chief of Base, Munich

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SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operational/REDWOOD/ICIMPROVE/AERODYNAMIC  
SPECIFIC - Progress Report for the Month of October 1956

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1. Headquarters action required:

- Answers are requested to all unanswered requests made in previous progress reports under the heading "Headquarters action required." See EGMA-22609; EGMA-23114.
- MOB requests a headquarters progress report on AERODYNAMIC and AECARTHAGE, or at least a brief summary of events for the past six months. This request is made not only to satisfy the undersigned's curiosity but also to furnish him with some material which he can use in answering the local AECASSOWARIES whenever they (and they always do) ask "what's new from the other side of the ocean." Very often AECASSOWARY 3 mentions certain items he learned from AECASSOWARY 2, which, upon hearing, forces the undersigned to pretend he knew it all the time. Or as in the case of the German interest in AECASSOWARY 1 which AECASSOWARY 3 first brought up with the undersigned on the basis of news from AECASSOWARY 2, the undersigned finds himself in a rather embarrassing position and experiences a loss of rapport. (see para 1c, Attachment C).

2. Summary of developments:

- Lev REEBET was fired from his position on AEDRUMMER 2 following his detention by the German police. He blamed his predicament on the Americans who handled him in Frankfurt. He boasted he would write several articles for the press on this. To date, this has not appeared.
- AECASSOWARY 3 produced an anonymous letter addressed to Lev REEBET in which the sender claims to have been contacted several times by an RIS courier. Attempts to determine the sender of this letter have proved futile. (see para 2, Attachment B.)
- The undersigned and AECASSOWARY 3 discussed the recent German interest in AECASSOWARY 1. (see para 1c Attachment C). After AECASSOWARY 3 first broached this subject, the undersigned obtained further information which he passed to AECASSOWARY 3.

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- d) Regarding the recruitment of AEACRE candidates in SMOOTHER by AECAVATINA 5, AECASSOWARY 3 reported he received a letter from AECAVATINA 5 in which AECAVATINA 5 states there are ample recruits available and that he will inform AECASSOWARY 2 of this after he arrives in Canada. (see para 1b, Attachment C.)
- e) ~~Lyubomyr OBTINSKY~~ emigrated to America in the latter part of October and will probably contact AECASSOWARY 2 on his arrival there.
- f) In view of the uprising in Hungary and the relaxation of border controls between Austria and Hungary at certain points, AECASSOWARY 6 expressed his desire to visit these border points in Austria for the purpose of observing events and perhaps coming in contact with any Ukrainian Red Army members who might have defected to the side of the Hungarian rebels. (see Attachment F.)

3. Submitted herewith as Attachments A through F are contact reports for the month of October 1956.

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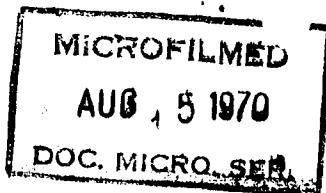
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CONTACT REPORT

AGENT ABCASSOWARY 3 and 6

CASE OFFICER [ ]

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DATE 2 Oct. 1956

CONTACT REPORT # 1

DATE AND TIME OF CONTACT 2 October, 1000 hours

RV PLACE

PLACE MEETING HELD Permanent safehouse

DURATION MEETING 1 hour

PURPOSE OF MEETING Pay newspaper subsidy

SECURITY N.A.

ADMIN/FINAN Paid AERODRUMMER 1 newspaper subsidy for month  
of October (10,000 DM) and AERODYNAMIC paper subsidy (14,000 DM)

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED To be arranged by phone

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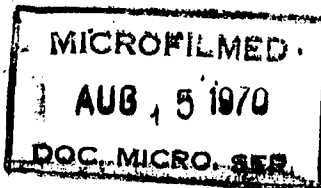
CONTACT REPORT. OPERATIONAL MATTERS AND COMMENTS No. 1

1. The purpose of this meeting was to pay AEDRUMMER 1 and AERODYNAMIC newspaper subsidies for the month of October 1956. Although both AECASSOWARY 3 and 6 met with the undersigned, neither had anything of significance to relate or discuss. The undersigned asked about several operational matters, i.e., whether AECASSOWARY 3 had met with Yaroslav HAYVAS and whether AECASSOWARY 6 had gotten anymore information about Roman MAZUROK, and received a negative answer in both cases.

2. As a gesture of appreciation for AECASSOWARY 6's gratis work with the AERODYNAMIC Project, the undersigned invited 6 for an afternoon and evening outing in Garmisch. AECASSOWARY 6 accepted the offer readily. The trip was made in the afternoon of 2 October.

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CONTACT REPORT

AGENT AECASSOWARYs 3 and 6

DATE 10 Oct. 56

CASE OFFICER [ ] or [ ]

CONTACT REPORT # 2

DATE AND TIME OF CONTACT 10 Oct. 56; 1000 hours

RV PLACE Safehouse

PLACE MEETING HELD Safehouse

DURATION MEETING About 1 hour

PURPOSE OF MEETING Obtain information

SECURITY NA

ADMIN/FINAN NA

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED Tentatively on 11 Oct. 56

COMMUNICATIONS AECASSOWARY 6 telephoned on 9 Oct. 56, asking for a meeting.

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CONTACT REPORT No. 2

SUBJECT: Contact with AECASSOWARYs 3 and 6 on 10 October 1956

1. AECASSOWARY 6 searched Ivan BISAHA's personal effects (subsequent to the latter's arrest) and came up with the following items:

A. Rough-draft of BISAHA's Fragebogen (2 pages) containing figures and letters which may be part of a cipher system.

B. Ukrainian-language letter (reproduction by A/6) from BISAHA to A. BEREST, dated 17 May 1956, mentioning an interview BISAHA was to have in conjunction with Americans.

C. Russian-language letter (reproduction by A/6) from A. BEREST to BISAHA, dated 12 June 1956, mentioning "Ollie" (Ali) who has been replaced by Mr. Walter.

D. Postcard, dated 16 Sept. 1956, from Raisa KOVALENKO, Hamburg 39, Sierichstrasse 20/I, in which she acknowledges receipt of BISAHA's letter and tells BISAHA that she could not meet him in Hannover during the USSR-W. Germany soccer game because she returned late from Kiel; she expects to meet him in Munich.

2. AECASSOWARY 3 produced an anonymous letter addressed to Lev REBET at the Ukrayinsky Samostiynyk office. The 4-page contents were addressed to REBET and Roman ILNYTSKY; however, REBET passed the letter to AECASSOWARY 6 without permitting ILNYTSKY to read it. The anonymous author stated he was approached twice during 1956 (in January and April) by Mykhaylo STADNYK, alleged to be a friend of the author from Lvov. The author states that he did not inform anyone about the approaches because he was concerned for the safety of his wife and children; he added that he was about to emigrate to the United States and would inform appropriate American authorities after his arrival there. STADNYK is alleged to have spoken personally with Stepan BANDERA and Yaroslav BENTSAL.

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AGENT AECASSOWARY 3 and 6

DATE 12 Oct. 56

CASE OFFICER

CONTACT REPORT # 3

DATE AND TIME OF CONTACT 12 Oct. 56; 1000 hours

RV PLACE

PLACE MEETING HELD Safehouse

DURATION MEETING 1 hour

PURPOSE OF MEETING Request that BISAGA be fired from AEDRUMMER 2; learn more about candidates for AEACRE Redsox program.

SECURITY NA

ADMIN/FINAN NA

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED to be arranged via phone

COMMUNICATIONS NA

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CONTACT REPORT No. 3

OPERATIONAL MATTERS AND COMMENTS:

1. Operational matters discussed at this meeting consisted of the following:

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a) The undersigned began a discussion of Ivan BISAGA which was culminated in a request that BISAGA be fired from AEDRUMMER 2 immediately. AECASSOWARY 3 was in complete agreement with the request, especially since he and his organization had reservations about BISAGA for some time. AECASSOWARY 3 said that since the German police had questioned BISAGA on matters unknown to the public and since this could lead to embarrassing involvement of AEDRUMMER 2, this could be given BISAGA as the reason for his eviction. AECASSOWARY 3 said he would take necessary action without delay. He added, that after BISAGA was released by the Germans, he spread the word that he intended to write a series of articles showing how his difficulties stemmed primarily from his association with certain Americans in Frankfurt.

b) The undersigned asked AECASSOWARY 3 for further information regarding recruits for AEACRE reported on earlier by him. He said he had no further concrete information with the exception of the fact that AECAVATINA 5 had written him from SMOOTHER saying candidates appeared plentiful and that he would give details about them to AECASSOWARY 2 after he arrived in Canada. AECASSOWARY 3 said he talked with Anatoly KAMINSKY, one of a committee of three who took over AECAVATINA 5's job as coordinator of Homeland contacts, and learned that KAMINSKY planned to spend several months in SMOOTHER studying at some university and at the same time use his presence there spotting and recruiting --- if the way is cleared with SMOTH to do this to avoid adverse reaction.

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c) Shortly before the meeting broke up AECASSOWARY 3 told the undersigned he had gotten a letter from AECASSOWARY 2 in which AECASSOWARY 2 asked for more information about the recent German interest in the Ukrainian emigration and specifically in AECASSOWARY 1 and its intelligence activity. (See MUCO-0034) AECASSOWARY 3 then asked the undersigned for details of this German interest. (Note: Until AECASSOWARY 3 brought up the subject of MUCO-0034 the undersigned had refrained from divulging this information to AECASSOWARY 3 since it was felt best to withhold this until the matter either was passed over without harming AECASSOWARY 1 or unless it became so acute that AECASSOWARY 1 had to be advised accordingly. Apparently, however, the headquarters AERODYNAMIC case officer briefed AECASSOWARY 2 on the topic and he, quite naturally, wanted AECASSOWARY 3 to obtain more information from the Munich end. Evidently, the headquarters case officer assumed this matter was brought to the attention of AECASSOWARY 3 by the Munich case officer, and therefore it was alright for him to do likewise. While the headquarters case officer is correct in assuming that there is a relatively free exchange of information with the AECASSOWARTES, there is no reason for him to conclude that everything affecting AECASSOWARY 1 is automatically passed to them even before KUBARK has had time to consider any given problem. This especially applies to the information passed in this case.) In any case, AECASSOWARY 3's breaching of the subject of AECASSOWARY 2's letter and subsequent questions he asked, put the undersigned on the spot and in an embarrassing position for AECASSOWARY 3 immediately concluded, and rightly so, that the status of his organization was in serious jeopardy and the undersigned had never said anything to him about it. AECASSOWARY 3 then followed

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up with a series of questions, i.e., when did the Germans begin to show this peculiar interest in AECASSOWARY 1, which branch of the German government was behind the move, what were their plans, etc. The undersigned told AECASSOWARY 3 that he had refrained from mentioning this matter earlier because he lacked all the facts and therefore wanted to wait until he could present a complete picture. He further stated that the Germans (no further identification) were primarily interested in AECAVATINA 1's activities but went a step further and wanted to know about AECASSOWARY 1's intelligence activities too. The undersigned pointed out to AECASSOWARY 3 that the German inquiries were made through the American Consulate and therefore the procurement of facts by the undersigned's unit depended on liaison. The undersigned told AECASSOWARY 3 the Germans were well aware of AECASSOWARY 1's political activity in the emigration and American support of it and that there was nothing for him to worry about here. However, the Germans were interested in knowing the extent of AECASSOWARY 1's intelligence activity to which we replied that it was non-existent. The undersigned assured AECASSOWARY 3 he would keep him advised of future developments in the case. Needless to say, that although AECASSOWARY 3 accepted the above explanation, he gave the impression that he believed there was more to the case than the undersigned cared to tell.

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CONTACT REPORT

AGENT REGASSOVARY 6

CASE OFFICER [ ]

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DATE 18 Oct. 56

CONTACT REPORT # 4

DATE AND TIME OF CONTACT 1000/18 Oct. 56

RV PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE MEETING HELD permanent safehouse

DURATION MEETING 1 hour

PURPOSE OF MEETING routine meeting

SECURITY NA

ADMIN/FINAN NA

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED to be arranged via phone

COMMUNICATIONS NA

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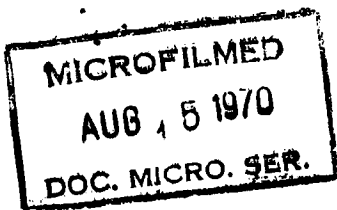
1. The undersigned originally arranged this meeting for the purpose of giving AECASSOWARY 3 more details about the LfV interest in AECASSOWARY 1. However, contrary to AECASSOWARY 6's word that AECASSOWARY 3 would be at the safehouse, he was not there. There was no way of reaching him so the undersigned and AECASSOWARY 6 exchanged amenities, chit-chatted for a while and then parted. The undersigned explained the nature of his visit to AECASSOWARY 6 who asked that the undersigned return on 19 October for AECASSOWARY 3 was very interested in and anxious to get more information on the German interest in AECASSOWARY 1. The undersigned said he would phone on 19 October and if possible would meet AECASSOWARY 3 then.

2. AECASSOWARY 6 reported that Ivan BISAGA was fired by AEDRUMMER 2 per our request. AECASSOWARY 6 had nothing further to report regarding BISAGA's whereabouts, present activities, etc.

3. Perhaps as a habit or perhaps because of genuine interest (most likely the latter), AECASSOWARY 6, as at every meeting, asked the undersigned what was new from Washington. Specifically speaking, he wanted to know of the latest, if any, developments in the AECARTHAGE 5, 19 and 20 cases. As usual, because Headquarters chooses to remain completely incommunicado in this respect, the undersigned disappointed AECASSOWARY 6 with a "nothing" answer. At the risk of attaching a naive label on himself, the undersigned further satisfied AECASSOWARY 6's request, and himself for that matter, with a statement to the effect that if Headquarters had some interesting information on the question asked, they would send it.

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CONTACT REPORT

AGENT AECASSOWARY 6

CASE OFFICER [ ]

DATE 23 Oct. 56

CONTACT REPORT # 5

DATE AND TIME OF CONTACT 1000 hours; 23 Oct. 56

RV PLACE

PLACE MEETING HELD Safehouse

DURATION MEETING 1 hour

PURPOSE OF MEETING Receive further information re letter received by

Lev REPERT (see para. 2 of attachment B)

SECURITY NA

ADMIN/FINAN NA

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED To be arranged by phone

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CONTACT REPORT No. 5

OPERATIONAL MATTERS AND COMMENTS:

1. AECASSOWARY 6 phoned and asked the undersigned to visit him for the purpose of comparing a letter written by Yaroslav BENTSAI with the letter received by Lev REBET (see attachment B). At the safehouse, both the undersigned and AECASSOWARY 6 compared the two letters and found them to be dissimilar.

2. The above was the only business of operational value discussed. The remainder of the hour spent with AECASSOWARY 6 was devoted to a discussion on the current developments in Poland. Needless to say, AECASSOWARY 6 and his colleagues are enthusiastic about the Polish events and hope similar internal changes occur in their homeland soon.

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AGENT AECASSOWARY 3-6

DATE 30 October 1956

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CONTACT REPORT # 6

DATE AND TIME OF CONTACT 1000 hours, 30 October 1956

RV PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE MEETING HELD Safehouse

DURATION MEETING 1 hour

PURPOSE OF MEETING Pay newspaper subsidy

SECURITY N.A.

ADMIN/FINAN Paid newspaper subsidy

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Contact Report No. 6 AECASSOWARY 3-6

1. After paying AECASSOWARY 3 the newspaper subsidy -- the reason for the meeting in the first place -- the remainder of the time was spent talking about the uprising in Hungary, this discussion being climaxed by AECASSOWARY 6's request for permission to visit the nearest Austrian-Hungarian border point for the purpose of observing developments there and perhaps meeting with any Ukrainian Soviet army defectors who might have defected to the side of the rebels and were in the border area. The undersigned agreed with soundness of this request and told AECASSOWARY 6 he would think about it. (Actually, this could be done for all AECASS 6 need do is obtain Austrian visa and go.) In line with this discussion, AECASS 6 said that on Friday, 26 October, a stranger knocked on his door who appeared from his conversation and looks to be Hungarian. He said this stranger had written a letter to one (fnu) HENNESEY informing him of his arrival in Munich but HENNESEY was not at home and it was terribly urgent that he find HENNESEY. (According to AECASS 6 there is a person fitting HENNESEY's description in the building.). This stranger was quite emotional about not finding HENNESEY at home and AECASS 6 surmised he was an Hungarian agent living in Austria who was being run by some branch of American intelligence. In any case, AECASS 6 advised this stranger to return later in the evening. AECASS 6 assumes the stranger did this and found HENNESEY for this was the last he saw of him.

2. AECASS 3 reported that Lyubomir ORTINSKY emigrated to America. Documents supplied him by us were returned.

3. The next meeting is to be arranged by phone.

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Translation

UKRAINIANS IN AUSTRALIA

At present there are 20,000 Ukrainians in Australia. They came to Australia following WWII from camps in Germany, China or Kenya. The majority of Ukrainians in Australia are industrial workers. 60% are members of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, served by 8 priests, which falls under the jurisdiction of the local Catholic hierarchy; and 40% belong to the Orthodox Church. ~~UAPTS~~ (The Ukrainian Autocephalic Orthodox Church) in Australia is served by ~~Bishop~~ Sylvester (Hayevsky) but the majority of Ukrainian Orthodox still belong to the synod which falls under the jurisdiction of ~~Bishop~~ Hryhoriy in the United States and a smaller group belongs to the Russian Orthodox Church.

Ukrainians live in the various states of Australia, as for example:

New South Wales	7,000 (of this, 4,000 in Sydney)
Victoria	5,500 (3,500 in Melbourne)
Southern Australia	4,000 (3,000 in Adelaide)
Queensland	1,500 (1,000 in Brisbane)
Western Australia	1,200 ( in Perth)
Tasmania	200
Northern Territory	100
Capitol Territory	200
	<u>19,700</u>

There are various Ukrainian societies and organizations in Australia which in 1950 were united in the Association of Ukrainian Organizations in Australia (SUOA). Of the more important organizations belonging to this Association are: Soyouz Ukrainok (the Association of Ukrainian Women), SUM (Association of Ukrainian Youth), Plast (Scouts), ODUM, combatant organizations, DOBRUS, political organizations, sports clubs, student groups, theatrical groups and choirs. All these organizations have made considerable efforts in the popularization of Ukrainian affairs in Australia, chiefly through art events and political manifestations (as for example, the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the famine in the Ukraine).

There is a Ukrainian press in Australia: the weekly YEDNIST' (Oneness), in Adelaide, and VILN'NA DUMKA (Free Thought), in Sydney; educational literature - the monthly SLOVO (Word), in Melbourne, and a newspaper for the Ukrainian Orthodox, NASH HOLOS (Our Voice). There are a good number of Ukrainian educators, united in the NTSH and UVAN (full name of organization not known to translator). A number of them are employed by Australian educational institutions.